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HUD's Mission: To create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.

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1. *What's New!* Federal News Briefs & Important Due Dates:

HUD's Codetalk Homepage: Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)

HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments, tribal members, the Dept. of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations. [Read more](#) about ONAP's mission, funding programs, directory, and program accomplishments.

Upcoming FREE HUD/ONAP Trainings:

Asset Building: A Pathway to Economic Self-Determination III

May 10-11 | Albuquerque, NM [Click here](#) for Details and Registration.

Conference focuses on asset building innovations in Indian Country & strategies for advancing economic opportunity.

Mixed Income Development Training May 10-May 11, 2017 Portland, OR

Registration: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=hud_portland8.pdf

Procurement & Contract Management May 23-24 Phoenix, AZ Registration: [Click here](#)

Basic Financial Management May 24-25 Rapid City, SD Registration: [Click here](#)

Maintenance Training June 6-7 Bismarck, ND Trainer: Wayne Mundy

Registration: <http://newregistration.firstpic.org/maintenance/index.php>

Procurement Training June 6-7 Olympia, WA

Registration: http://newregistration.firstpic.org/proc/EventDetails_Procurement_Olympia_WA_June-2017.pdf

NAHASDA Essentials June 13-15 Albuquerque, NM Registration: <http://www.firstpic.org/events/>

Financial Management June 20-22 Chicago, IL Registration: [Click here](#)

Tribal Housing Self-Monitoring Training July 11-13 Phoenix, AZ Registration: www.naihc.net

Admissions, Occupancy & Maintenance June 27-29 Sacramento, CA

Registration: <http://www.firstpic.org/events/>

Admissions and Occupancy Training July 11-July 13, 2017 Olympia, WA

Registration: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=Admission_andOcc_Training.pdf

Executive Director Refresher Course July 17-19 Albuquerque, NM Registration: www.naihc.net

Procurement and Contract Management Training July 26-27 Sioux Falls, SD

Registration: <http://newregistration.firstpic.org/proccm/index.php>

Admissions, Occupancy & Maintenance Training

August 8-10

Albuquerque, NM

Registration: <http://www.firstpic.org/events/>

Admissions & Occupancy Training

Sept. 19-20

Billings, MT

Registration: <http://newregistration.firstpic.org/eao/>

Apply Now! FY17 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Deadline is May 18, 2017

Published March 8, 2017, the Notice of Funding Availability Native ICDBG program available [here](#).

SWONAP NOFA Workshops: The Southwest Office of Native American Programs (SWONAP) is conducting its FY2017 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Workshops on April 13, 2017 (Phoenix), April 20, 2017 (Albuquerque) and April 25, 2017 (Reno). The training workshops are designed principally for tribes, tribal organizations, and individuals directly involved in the preparation of 2017 ICDBG applications. The workshops are designed to assist applicants in understanding the ICDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the application process. Info. for the three training workshops is as follows:

Phoenix, Arizona: Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Phoenix HUD Office, Main Training Room (6th Floor)

One North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004 – (602) 379-7205

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: HUD New Mexico Field Office, Training Room, 7th Floor Suite 7301

500 Gold Ave, Albuquerque, NM 87103 - (505) 346-6923

Reno, Nevada: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 9:00 am – 500 pm

Location: Reno-Sparks Tribal Health Center, 1715 Kuenzli Street, Reno, NV 89502 - (775) 329-5162

There is no charge to attend these training workshops. Travel & per diem costs are eligible ICDBG and IHBG expenses. Due to limited space, register early and limit attendees to no more than two persons per organization. To register for the Phoenix and Reno Workshops, contact Ana Toporek at 602-379-7205 or Ana.M.Toporek@hud.gov. For the Albuquerque session contact Catherine Weekooty at 505-346-6923 or Catherine.S.Weekooty@hud.gov.

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ICDBG - HUD's IMMEDIATE THREAT GRANT PROGRAM

The Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat (IT) program guidance describes the criteria for the program, includes examples of funded applications, and explains the procedures for re-requesting such funds. IT grants are intended to alleviate or remove imminent threats to health or safety, in that an emergency situation exists or would exist if the problem were not addressed. The grant ceiling for imminent threat requests is \$450,000, or \$900,000 for Presidentially declared disasters. For more info.: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=2016-06itg_tribes.pdf

EXPANDING TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WEBINAR SERIES

DOE's 2017 Expanding Tribal Energy Development through Partnerships webinar series provides attendees with information on tools & resources available to develop & implement tribal energy plans, programs, and projects; tribal energy development case studies; and business strategies tribes can use to expand their energy options and develop sustainable local economies.

Webinars are held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mountain Time. There is no charge to attend, but registration is required.

DATE	WEBINAR	DESCRIPTION
04/26/2017	<u>Spending Energy Dollars Wisely</u>	Attendees will learn about a number of strategies, tools, and technical assistance opportunities to help develop a deliberate approach to maximizing energy dollars. Tribal guest speakers will share their successes and lessons learned in pursuing, developing, and implementing strategic approaches to wise energy investments.
05/31/2017	<u>What Energy Project Is Right for My Tribe?</u>	Attendees will learn how to identify the appropriate energy project, whether it's a small renewable energy project for a single tribal residence or building, a tribal community project, or a utility-scale project requiring transmission interconnection and off-take through a power purchase agreement. Speakers will explore the pros and cons of ownership and leasing, the differences among various renewable and conventional technologies, and potential project barriers. Speakers will also share information on tools and resources available to help tribes evaluate options and move forward.



HUD Environmental Review Training: HUD offers free [Web-based Instructional System for Environmental Review \(WISER\)](#) training modules, which were [announced on Codetalk](#). Five modules are available: Airport Hazards, Endangered Species, Environmental Justice, Noise Abatement and Control, and Water Elements. Additional modules are being developed.

2 CFR PART 200 UNIFORM GUIDANCE AND WEBCAST SERIES & RESOURCES

Presented by HUD's Office of Native American Programs, this 9-part training session & additional resource materials on implementing Office of Budget & Management's Uniform Guidance for Indian Housing Block Grant & Indian Community Development Block Grant Programs. https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/regs/resources

Calendar of Events For a complete listing of 2017 HUD/NAIHC Free trainings, visit [HUD Training Sessions](#) Or www.FirstPic.org Or www.NAIHC.net OR www.Firstnations.org

Housing Help: Resources for Native Americans - Contact the following offices for assistance:

- To live on public lands, contact the [Office of Public and Indian Housing \(PIH\)](#).
- To live on a reservation, contact a local [Tribally Designated Housing Entity \(TDHE\)](#).
- Locate your [state housing counseling agency](#) or call 1-800-569-4287 to locate the agency nearest you.

Native American Housing Programs

- [Indian Housing's Office of Native American Programs \(ONAP\)](#) - administers housing & community development programs to ensure that safe, decent, & affordable housing is available to Native American families.
- [Indian Housing Grant Programs](#)-provide financial assistance for Indian tribes to develop affordable housing and to provide housing activities on a reservation or Indian area. Guidebooks available.
- [Housing Improvement Program \(HIP\)](#) – provides home repair, renovation, replacement, & new housing grants.
- Native Housing Resources/Tribal Court Clearinghouse (a project of the Tribal Law and Policy Institute): <http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/housing.htm>
- Healthier Tribal Housing: Combining the Best of Old and New: <http://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/120-a460/>

TRAININGS, CONFERENCES AND EVENTS: ~ Visit HUD's [Calendar of Events](#) for current schedule. ~


Training/Conference /Event	Date/Location	Description
"Today's Native Leaders" Youth Leadership Event	April 7-9 Boston, MA	Free leadership training for up to 100 Native American youth. United National Indian Tribal Youth, (UNITY), in partnership with the Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) hosts the youth leadership training, focusing on culturally relevant leadership development, including: • Team building activities •Action planning & event promotion •Developing community service projects •How to create a UNITY youth council • Opportunity to present at a national conference. Training features peer youth trainers to empower & motivate youth! For more info., contact Lynnann Yazzie at (480) 718-9793 or L.yazzie@unityinc.org . or www.unityinc.org .
3rd Annual Tribal Economic Outlook Conference	April 13 Flagstaff, AZ	Keynote Speaker: Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno Sparks Indian Community, Reno, NV. Registration link: http://www5.nau.edu/franke/caied/teoc . For more info., contact Gwen Cody at Gwen.Cody@NAU.edu
NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION IN INDIAN COUNTRY CONFERENCE (Sovereignty Through Construction: Stories, Techniques & Pathways)	April 17-19 Phoenix, AZ	2017 annual conference with 4 tracts emphasizes methods of achieving sovereignty through planning, design and construction. Defined as the inherent right to make internal decisions related to the development of tribal communities, there are a variety of ways that tribes exercise sovereignty in construction. Instances include regulations such as hiring policies, taxes and the protection of natural resources, to broader measures which ensure construction projects coincide with the tribe's overall economic and community development strategies. This year's conference will focus on sharing best practices & stories of success. More at: https://ciic.construction.asu.edu/content/2017-national-conference
Foundation in HUD Environmental Review	April 25-27 Denver, CO	The FREE 3-day course provides an understanding of HUD requirements that implement the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related federal environmental authorities dealing with historic properties, floodplain management, contamination/toxics, wetlands protection, noise control, environmental justice, explosive hazards and more. HUD environmental staff provide the training. The course is open to state, tribal, and local government staff, as well as planning agencies, grant administrators, public housing authorities and consultants who prepare NEPA environmental reviews for HUD-assisted projects. The training is suitable as a refresher for experienced practitioners and an in-depth overview for those newly performing such reviews. For more, contact Jeremiah Sanders at Jeremiah.i.sanders@hud.gov .




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Tribal Underground Storage Tank "Boot Camp"	April 25-27 Pala, CA	Special training course for tribal professionals working on Underground Storage Tank (UST) issues. Course provides an overview of federal regulatory requirements for operating and maintaining a UST system, leak detection methodologies, reporting requirements, selecting contractors & implementing appropriate response actions. A field exercise will be used to demonstrate the functional components of a UST system, various release scenarios and identifying appropriate release responses. Special attention will be given to the development of conceptual site models & other Tribal environmental program involvement. The capstone of the Training will be a group exercise to help participants identify resources within their organization. Course is limited to 20 participants. For more info., visit https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste or contact Todd Barnell, Todd.Barnell@nau.edu .
National Tribal Energy Summit	May 1-3 Washington, DC	Energy is a vital pathway to strong, economically sovereign Indian nations. Tribes face unique and pressing challenges related to energy self-sufficiency, economic stability, disaster preparedness, and sustainability. To identify and advance viable, innovative energy and infrastructure solutions to these challenges, DOE, in coordination with the National Conference of State Legislatures, hosts the 2017 Summit focusing on Tribal Energy Sovereignty and Strengthening Strategic Partnerships, the National Summit supports ongoing tribal efforts to enhance energy security, increase community resiliency, and cultivate a sustainable energy future. Register now! For more info., visit National Tribal Energy Summit or email tribalenergy@ncsl.org .
National Tribal Air Association Meeting 2017	May 1-4 Tucson, AZ	A gathering of tribal air quality professionals, EPA and other federal-agency staff & representatives from academia, nonprofits and private industry, sharing information, skills, policy, regulatory initiatives and updates, culture and fun. Optional Training Sessions 5/1 \$50 Registration Fee Scholarship Support Available. For more info, visit: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_ntf
TRIBAL VETERAN REPRESENTATIVE TRAINING	May 9-11 Grande Ronde, OR	Tribal Veteran Representative Training is packed with good information. The Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde is hosting and providing discounted room rates at its casino resort. Register by sending an email to terry.bentley@va.gov or sue.shaffer@state.or.us
ASSET BUILDING: A PATHWAY TO ECONOMIC SELF-DETERMINATION III	May 10-11 Albuquerque, NM	HUD's Office of Native American Programs "Asset Building: A Pathway to Economic Self-Determination III" conference will focus on asset building innovations in Indian Country and strategies for advancing economic opportunity around people and place. There is no charge to attend. Click here for Event Details and Registration.
INDIAN HOUSING MANAGEMENT (NAIHC)	May 16-18 Tampa, FL	For more info., agenda, and to register, visit www.naihc.net
NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING CONFERENCE	June 5-6 Las Vegas, NV	The Sixth Annual Native American Housing Conference is a two-day conference where attendees will hear from top experts in the housing field on the state of housing in Native America and discover innovative ideas from housing professionals who share the common goal of bringing affordable housing to Indian Country. Use code "SUPER" to save \$200 off registration. Register for this event.
NCAI MID-YEAR CONFERENCE AND MARKETPLACE	June 11-14 Uncasville, CT	The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)'s mid-year conference. The conference will feature breakout sessions and committee meetings. Register for this event.
2017 AMERIND/NAIHC NATIONAL CONFERENCE & TRADE FAIR	June 27-29 Nashville, TN	The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) is hosting a two-day workshop to give attendees the opportunity to explore new strategies for addressing a variety of challenges related to workplace safety, claims, housing management, human resources, and much more. Register for this event.
10th Annual Arizona American Indian Youth Conference on Health and the Environment	June 27-29 Flagstaff, AZ	The theme for this year is <i>Native Youth Wellness: Taking Care of Your Health and the Environment</i> . The conference is designed for American Indian youth ages 12 to 19 years old and provides information to motivate and encourage youth to take responsibility for their overall health and become better stewards of the environment. During the conference, youth will: ☐ Learn about health promotion and making healthy choices through fun and interactive workshops; ☐ Bring awareness that people's health and well-being are directly connected to how we all treat the land, air and water; ☐ Prepare for higher education and become oriented to the Northern Arizona University. For more info. and to register, contact Glenda Tovar at (602) 258-4822 or glenda.tovar@itcaonline.com
Native Youth Community Adaptation & Leadership Congress	July 9-14 West VA	Application Deadline: April 7, 2017 – Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress (July 9-14 in West Virginia)
NATIVE YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE SUMMER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT	July 16-25 Univ of AR	The University of Arkansas Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative is excited to announce the 4 th annual Leadership Summit for Native Youth in Food and Agriculture . Last year, nearly 100 Native American, Alaska native and Native Hawaiian students representing 51 tribes converged on the University of Arkansas School of Law for a unique 10-day leadership summit to learn how food and agriculture policy impacts their tribal communities. All food, lodging, instructional materials and field trip costs will be provided. Depending on the number of students, some travel scholarships will also be provided. However, please submit your application as soon as possible to plan for travel needs. Download applications for the 2017 summit: ○ First-year students (Deadline: April 11, 2017) ○ Student Fellows (returning students) (Deadline: April 11, 2017) ○ Student Leaders (counselors) (Deadline: March 11, 2017)




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2017 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum	Aug. 14-17 Tulsa, OK	 Registration is Now Open for the 2017 TLEF! For Registration and more info., visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef
Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan	Sept. 12-14 Mayetta, KS	ITEP is working with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation on a training course that will help attendees design (or update) and use a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan. This course will feature lectures on the five critical elements of a Tribal SWMP, small group activities, discussion, and an extensive tour of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's solid waste facilities and activities. This training will give attendees an excellent opportunity to see the Tribe's equipment, tour buildings, and discuss routes, financing, and waste diversion with Tribal staff to make better plans for their own Tribe. Will also talk with other Tribal staff about the role played by the judiciary and how solid waste management can be connected to Tribal cultural preservation projects. Access the course application at http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste .
Tribal Housing Admissions & Occupancy	Sept. 19-20 Billings, MT	HUD's Office of Native American Programs FREE training. For more info., and to register, visit http://newregistration.firstpic.org/eao/
Low Income Housing Tax Credits (NAIHC)	Sept. 19-21 Chicago, IL	For more info, agenda, and to register, visit www.naihc.net
National Tribal Transportation Conference	Sept. 25-29 Tucson, AZ	 More information is available at http://www.ttapnttc.com/

3. FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TRIBES/TRIBAL ENTITIES:

Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (WIFIA) (EPA)	April 10	This EPA program will make up to \$1 billion in credit assistance loans available to state, local, and tribal governments; private entities; partnerships; and State Revolving Fund programs for large infrastructure projects such as drinking water and wastewater treatment, improved energy efficiency, and drought mitigation. Learn more about the program here .
Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes (EPA)	May 18	US EPA FY 2017 EPA Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes (EPA-OLEM-ORCR-17-03) is posted at: https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy-2017-hazardous-waste-management-grant-program-tribes . And is also published on Grants.gov: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292826 . Eligible hazardous waste activities can also include those that address household hazardous waste, used oil, and universal wastes.
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (USDA)	Pre-proposal: April 21, 2017 Invited Proposal: August 31, 2017	Maximum of \$10MM available for 170 awards - - This U.S. Dept. of Ag. program seeks to co-invest with partners in innovative, workable & cost-effective approaches to benefit farming, ranching, & forest operations, local economies, and the communities and resources in a watershed or other geographic area. Partnering organizations design, promote, implement, and evaluate the project outcomes. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Agricultural or silvicultural producer associations or other groups of producers; States or units of local government; Indian Tribes; farmer cooperatives; water districts, irrigation districts, rural water districts or associations, or other organizations with specific water delivery authorities to agricultural producers; municipal water or wastewater treatment entities; institutions of higher education; & organizations or entities with an established history of working cooperatively with producers on agricultural land. RFP LINK: https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/?cid=nrcseprd1309629
 COLLABORATIVE ACTION GRANTS	April 21 (Round 1) June 9 (Round 2)	Enterprise's Collaborative Action Grants provide organizations with \$5,000 to build community agency, engage local voices, and connect to long-term community goals. We are offering two rounds of grants in 2017. Applicants should be prepared to complete the Collaborative Action within 6 months of grant notification. More info: Application
Drug-Free Communities Mentoring (DFC-M) Program (HHS)	May 8	AVAILABLE: Maximum of \$75,000 per year for up to two years. LINK TO RFP: https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/2017/03/dfc-m-program-rfp-17-003.pdf < http://report.mynewsletterbuilder.com/t.js?s=58c970907aab60234d02a88d&u=37877906&v=3&key=2b8b&sk=19c8623205&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.samhsa.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fgrants%2Fdfc-m-program-rfp-17-003.pdf > Program assists newly forming coalitions in becoming eligible to apply for Drug-Free Communities funding on their own. ELIGIBILITY: Mentor coalitions. FUNDER MATCH REQUIREMENT: 50%



Agency/Source	Submission Deadline	Additional Information
AmeriCorps State and National Grants - Targeted Priority	May 10	This competition seeks to prioritize the investment of national service resources in: Healthy Futures: reducing or preventing prescription drug and opioid abuse; and Safer Communities: strengthening law enforcement and community relations. ELIGIBILITY: Nonprofit organizations; institutions of higher education; States and local governments; and Indian Tribes. Organizations that propose to operate in only one state must apply through the Governor-appointed State or Territory Commissions. MATCH: 24% for the first three-year funding period. Starting with year four, the match requirement gradually increases every year to 50% by year ten. Link to RFP: https://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017 ASN Notice Targeted Priorities 1.pdf
 AmeriCorps Indian Tribe Grants	May 10	GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations FUNDER MATCH REQUIREMENT: 24% cash or in-kind for the first three-year funding period. Starting with year four, the match requirement gradually increases every year to 50% by year ten. Link to RFP: https://www.nationalservice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2017%20AmeriCorps%20Indian%20Tribes%20Notice%20of%20Funding%20Availability.pdf
FWS Coastal Program	Sept. 30	The Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) funding provides direct technical assistance and financial assistance to coastal communities and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. Projects should specify benefits for species and habitats considering the expected effects of climate change. FWS will favor conservation activities & projects that incorporate ecosystem adaptation and help coastal ecosystems & communities adapt to the effects of sea level rise & greenhouse gases. More info. here .
USDA Broadband Loans and Loan Guarantees	Sept. 30	USDA Rural Development's Rural Utility Service FY2017 Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee program. The NOSA can be accessed at https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-01-09/pdf/2017-00137.pdf . Additional information is available at https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees (see page 4 for Community Connect Grants)
Broadband Loans & Loan Guarantees (USDA)	Open	The Rural Broadband Access Loan & Loan Guarantee Program (Broadband Program) furnishes loans and loan guarantees to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide service at the broadband lending speed in eligible rural areas. For more info. on other programs administered by Rural Utility Service (RUS) Telecommunications visit: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/telecom-programs
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)	Open	Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households & businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and Colonias are eligible; Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500K for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm
USDA WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOANS & GRANTS	Open	USDA's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project. Eligible Applicants: state and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit. How to Apply: apply now by using the online application tool RDApply .
Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI)	Open	This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program: • An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group • Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives • A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group. For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm .
Financial Literacy Funding	Open	- Discover Foundation . Applications accepted year-round.
Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program (RCAC)	Open	Rural Community Assistance Corporation's (RCAC) Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program helps create, improve or expand the supply of safe drinking water, waste disposal systems and other facilities that serve rural communities. RCAC's loan programs provide the early funds small rural communities need to determine feasibility and pay pre-development costs prior to receiving state &/or federal program funding. May also provide interim construction financing, and intermediate & long-term loans for system improvements. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT: Nonprofit organizations, public agencies and tribal governments. ELIGIBLE AREA: Projects must be located in rural areas with populations of 50,000 or less in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii and other pacific islands, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Community size is limited to 10,000 for long-term USDA guaranteed loans and short-term loans for which USDA is the long-term lender. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: Eligible projects include water, wastewater, solid waste & storm water facilities. For more info., contact Mike Carroll at mcarroll@rcac.org or visit www.rcac.org

4. HELPFUL RESOURCES/WEBSITES FOR TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS:



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- Centralized website for federal grant opportunities: www.grants.gov
- Government Information by Topic: <http://www.usa.gov/>
- Explore more than 30 U.S. Federal Agency Resources: [U.S. government services and programs for Native Americans](http://www.usa.gov/)
- HUD's PIH Notices to Tribes and TDHEs: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/regs/notices.cfm>
- HUD's Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities: www.hud.gov/sustainability
- Federal Register Today: http://www.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/fr-cont.html
- Environmental Resources <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/resources/env.cfm>
- National Resource Database for Tribal Water System Operators: www.smallwatersupply.org
- Multi-agency Infrastructure Task Force in Indian Country: <http://www.epa.gov/tp/trprograms/infra-water.htm>
- Asset Building for Native Communities: <http://www.idaresources.org/page?pageid=a047000000ArPk>
- Center for American Indian Economic Development: www.franke.nau.edu/businessoutreach/caied
- Southern California Indian Center- www.indiancenter.org
- Indian Dispute Resolution Services, Inc. <http://www.idrsinc.org>
- Native American Contractors Association: <http://www.nativecontractors.org/>
- CDFIs: Native Capital Access: www.nativecapitalaccess.com Native Community Finance: www.nativecommunityfinance.org
- National Congress of American Indians: www.ncai.org National American Indian Housing Council: www.naihc.net

Southwestern States Inter Tribal Councils and Indian Chambers of Commerce

- Inter Tribal Council of **Arizona**: <http://www.itcaonline.com/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **California**: <http://www.itccinc.org/>
- Inter Tribal Council of **Nevada**: <http://www.itcn-snac.org/>
- All Pueblo Governors Council (of **New Mexico**): <http://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblos.html>
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Arizona www.aiccz.org
- American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California <http://www.aicccal.org>
- Southwest Tribal Housing Alliance (SWTHA) <http://www.swtha.org/>
- Nevada/California Indian Housing Association www.nev-cal.org

FEDERAL PARTNERS:

- **USDA** Rural Development <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Home.html>
- Rural Utilities Service: High Energy Cost Grant Program (USDA): http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_Grant_Program.html
- **Department of Interior** Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Indian Self-Determination Services
- Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (Native Americans) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/programs/aiana.htm>
- General Services Administration (GSA) https://www.gsaadvantage.gov/advantage/main/start_page.do
- **Indian Health Service** (IHS) <http://www.ihs.gov/>
 - IHS Environmental Health Support Center (Training Opportunities) <http://www.ihs.gov/EHSCT/index.cfm?module=home>
- Department of Health & Human Services (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/community/indianhealth/index.html>
- Department of Energy's (DOE) Tribal Energy Program <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/waste/tribal/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Green Building: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/greenbuilding/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency Office of Sustainable Communities: www.epa.gov/smartgrowth
- Internal Revenue Service – Tax Information for Indian Tribal Governments: <http://www.irs.gov/govt/tribes/index.html>
- **Department of Treasury CDFI Fund** <http://www.cdfifund.gov>
- **US Department of Commerce - MDBA** (Minority Business Development Agency) <http://www.mdba.gov/>
 - Economic Development Administration www.eda.gov
 - Small Business Administration (SBA) <http://www.sba.gov/>
- **OCC Native American Banking Resource Directory** www.occ.gov/topics/community-affairs/publications/index-ca-publications.html
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) –
 - Disaster Preparedness & Recovery <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit#>
 - FEMA - Trainings for Tribal representatives & staff. <http://www.fema.gov/government/tribal/training.shtm>
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Office of Native Affairs & Policy <http://www.fcc.gov/indians/>
- Administration for Native Americans (ANA): http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/programs/program_information.html
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) Training & Events: <http://www.rcac.org/doc.aspx?58>
- Partnership for Sustainable Communities: www.sustainablecommunities.gov
- Sustainable Communities Resource Center – www.huduser.org/portal/sustainability/resources_rural_sustainability.html
- Social Security Administration - Public website www.socialsecurity.gov
 - SSA's American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) page <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/aiian/>
- Dept. of Transportation: Transportation Planning Capacity Building: www.planning.dot.gov MAP 21 www.dot.gov/map21



- Veterans Administration: Native American Direct Loan Program: <http://benefits.va.gov/homeloans/nadl.asp>
VA Office of Tribal Government Relations <http://www.va.gov/TRIBALGOVERNMENT/>

5. BITS & PIECES: Tribal News

AmeriCorps State and National is hosting an on-site training for eligible Indian Tribes grant applicants April 18-20 in Mesa, Arizona. The training is **free to attend** and CNCS has funds to pay for/reimburse attendees for travel and lodging expenses. To learn more about AmeriCorps grants, the application process, and receive training on AmeriCorps grant selection criteria, email AmeriCorpsGrants@cns.gov. For more info. about the AmeriCorps Indian Tribes Grant Competition, visit our [website](#).

The **Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** recently published a blog regarding the Alaska Rural Homeownership Guide that was developed with the help of our USDA RD colleagues in Alaska. Below are the links to the blog and the guide:

- www.frbsf.org/community-development/blog/overcoming-homeownership-challenges-in-rural-america-lessons-from-alaska/ (blog by Craig Nolte of the FRB)
- www.frbsf.org/community-development/files/alaska-rural-homeownership-guide.pdf (the guide)

The FRB of San Francisco also posted a video featuring the [Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe of the Flathead Reservation](#) (MT) homeownership program, which utilizes the HUD Section 184 Program, that is both informative and inspiring: www.frbsf.org/community-development/initiatives/native-communities/

Applications for the next quarter of the **Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Onsite Mentor Program** have opened! If your tribe is struggling with a solid waste management activity (transfer station management, implementing recycling or composting operations, minimizing hazardous substances in your waste stream, making tribally-owned facilities more sustainable, or other related activities) please fill out the attached application to be considered for an Onsite Mentor opportunity. If your application is selected, ITEP will help to create a match and will facilitate the process from beginning to end, including providing funding to cover all travel expenses. Applications for this quarter are due **May 3, 2017**. For more info., visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Waste/waste_mentors. or contact Todd Barnell (Todd.Barnell@nau.edu) or Julie Jurkowski (Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu).

ONAP OFFERS FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING: HUD's Office of Native American Programs offers **FREE Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) for Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities** for a wide variety of tribal housing and related issues. To request specialized Technical Assistance and/or Training from SWONAP, contact Debbie Broermann at deborah.s.broermann@hud.gov or David Southerland at David.W.Southerland@hud.gov.

SHARE YOUR GOOD NEWS! Please send your accomplishments, press releases, events, news, and project photos to Debbie Broermann at Deborah.S.Broermann@HUD.gov. *Help us spread the good news about the successful impacts of HUD's Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) and Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in your tribal community and throughout Indian Country!*

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